

Pamlico County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
Steering Committee
Pamlico County Court House Annex
202 Main Street, Bayboro, NC. 28515
March 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Clifton Stowe	Town of Grantsboro, Mayor
David Cox	Town of Oriental, Commissioner
Jayne Robb	Pamlico County, Economic Developer
Robert Will, AICP	Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO)
Aaron Everett	NCDOT, Assistant District 2 Engineer
Travis Marshall, PE.	NCDOT, Transportation Planning Branch, Unit Head
Carlos Moya-Astudillo	NCDOT, Transportation Planning Branch

Meeting opened with introductions. Travis Marshall, PE, described the benefits of having a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) from the perspective of future transportation planning and having a common vision. Roy Brinson asked about methods to protect corridors once they have been identified in a plan and many options were discussed including local regulations, corridor protection maps, and coordination with NCDOT.

David Cox asked about updating the Oriental Thoroughfare Plan, which was done 20 years ago (August 1988). Travis confirmed that the county plan will not be an update to that plan specifically, but recommended that the Town of Oriental send a letter to the Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) requesting an update to the thoroughfare plan. It was also suggested that the DERPO assist in updating the plan.

David Cox suggested looking closer at the transportation element that is ‘water-based’ such as the ferry and the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), where could this fit into the CTP, and how can the ICW be used as a part of the transportation network in Pamlico County. Possibly include a note in the plan regarding the ICW and its role in the transportation system.

David Cox also asked about the connection between water access points and bridges and how that can be utilized better.

Carlos Moya-Astudillo gave a presentation on the benefits of bike and pedestrian elements and how to design new facilities as well as improvements to existing bike and ped facilities and how to integrate them into a well-developed part of the comprehensive transportation plan. Also, he explained design, safety, statistics, what different kinds of facilities look like and what is most common. He also answered “common questions.”

Finally, the steering committee reviewed the bicycle map and the pedestrian map, asked some questions and made revisions and suggestions to what was printed on both maps. With the changes proposed, the steering committee agreed that the drafts were complete. Carlos was in charge of making the proper revisions and corrections to these maps as well as implementing draft recommendations for the following elements: Highway, Public Transportation and Rail, Bicycle, and Pedestrian--for the next meeting.